

H.R. 3162, THE “CHILDREN’S HEALTH AND MEDICARE PROTECTION ACT OF 2007”

Summary of Changes in the Chairman’s Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute

- ***Amends Sec. 303 – Feedback Mechanism on Practice Patterns.*** Allows the Secretary to implement similar feedback mechanisms for other providers in Medicare.
- ***Amends Sec. 304 – Payments for Efficient Physicians.*** Clarifies that the policy applies to all providers who bill under the physician fee schedule.
- ***Amends Sec. 306- Medical Home.*** Clarifies references to the Medical Home.
- ***Amends Sec. 308 – Payment Localities.*** Changes the effective date to 2008 for the transition policy and 2011 for subsequent revisions.
- ***Amends Sec. 309 – Payment for Imaging Services.*** Eliminates the accreditation requirement for the technical component if billed by a physician who performs the service on equipment that has been certified. Applies accreditation standards to nurses and nurse midwives who perform ultrasound. Eliminates the exception for guided imaging procedures.
- ***Amends Sec. 411 – NAIC Development of Marketing, Advertising and Related Protections.*** Clarifies the use of new outreach funding for SHIPs, and restores authorizations after 2012.
- ***Amends Sec. 412 – MA Plan Enrollment Modifications.*** Deletes provision recently signed into law by President that eliminated special marketing rules for certain Medicare Advantage Plans.
- ***Amends Sec. 503 – Long-term Care Hospitals.*** Changes the funding source for medical necessity reviews. Modifies the exceptions criteria for the limited qualified moratorium.
- ***Amends Sec. 505 – PPS-Exempt Cancer Hospitals.*** Amends qualification criteria for PPS-exempt cancer hospitals.
- ***Amends Sec. 508 – Treatment of Medicare Hospital Reclassifications.*** Moves Section 705 to a new Section 508 of Title V. Amends provisions allowing for geographic reclassification of certain hospitals.
- ***Adds Sec. 509 – Critical Access Hospital Designations.*** Clarifies the criteria for designation of a critical access hospital.

- ***Amends Sec. 609 – Rental and Purchase of Oxygen Equipment.*** Changes from 13 to 18 the number of months
- ***Amends Sec. 637 – Development of ESRD Bundling System and Quality Incentive Payments.*** Increases the applicable percentage for the quality incentive payments for 2010 and 2011, to 3 and 4 percent, respectively.
- ***Amends Sec. 703 – Extension of Medicare Secondary Payer for Beneficiaries with End Stage Renal Disease for Large Groups.*** Clarifies the effective period for the extension of Medicare secondary payer for large employers.
- ***Adds Sec. 705 – Reinstatement of Residency Slots.*** Modifies criteria for reallocation of graduate medical education residency slots from hospital closures.
- ***Amends Sec. 904 – Comparative Effectiveness Research.*** Clarifies fiscal year 2008 as the first year for the Comparative Effectiveness Research Trust Fund. Clarifies the reporting responsibilities of the Comparative Effectiveness Research Commission.
- ***Amends Sec. 1002 – Exemption for Emergency Medical Services Transportation.*** Extends the exemption for emergency medical services transportation by ambulance an additional three years to December 31, 2012.